

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**AUGUST 21, 2018, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of June of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board Vice President Jim Renk, on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Renk led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Members Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Patti Leynaud, and Vice President Renk.

**ABSENT:** Member C.G. Pillai and President Lamboley.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Bill Newkirk, and Ali Brayboy.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the meeting agenda of August 21, 2018. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Lamboley and Pillai. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board received a thank you note from Lori Madden for the flower arrangement received in memory of her father, Dale Madden.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- July 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- July 18, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

**ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Renk. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Lamboley and Pillai. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Mr. Cross presented the Fiscal Year 2019 tentative budget and stated that this is a very tentative budget and that more work remains before the final budget is presented to the Board in September. The Education Fund is currently balanced through the use of approximately \$645,000 of working cash funds, something Mr. Cross hopes is lessened in the final recommended budget. He also noted continued concern with the Transportation Fund, which has also been diminishing reserves over recent years.

Mr. Cross shared that the District is in Tier 2 of the Evidence Based Funding formula, and actually dropping to Tier 1 in the future would be very helpful to the district's budget shortfalls. He said that the district is not far off from Tier 1 funding, which is for the districts with the greatest need, while Tier 4 districts have the least need due to the greatest local resources. The tentative budget will be displayed for 30 days before a final budget hearing and adoption at the September meeting. He encouraged the Board to look at the line items closely in between now and the September meeting and contact him with any questions or concerns. Adjustments between now and the budget hearing and adoption will be reviewed at the time the final budget is presented for adoption.

## **REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Presentation of Fiscal Year 2018 District Financial Statements, Independent Audit, Annual Financial Report and Shared Services and Outsourcing Report**

Bill Newkirk of Newkirk and Associates presented the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Report for Peru Elementary School District 124. He reviewed the revenues, expenditures and fund balances for the fiscal year and reported that all of the numbers are the same as reported by the district at the end of June 30, 2018. He commended Superintendent Mark Cross and bookkeeper Jeanine Sonnenberg for their thorough preparation and availability of documentation needed to complete the audit, and stated that he had no specific findings or concerns to report.

### **Administrative Reports**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Mrs. McDonald reported that a bus route from each building is at student capacity. She plans on monitoring the routes and will make adjustments as needed.
- There will be two additional preschool screening days this year. Based on the results, Mrs. McDonald will be filling the approximately twenty openings remaining due to the recently received Preschool for All Expansion Grant. The Preschool for All Parent Coordinator will begin making the required home visits beginning tomorrow.

Ms. Madden reported:

- Ms. Madden explained that this year's registration day and post registrations have continued to bring in more students. There were 16 new students who registered after the district's all day registration day, but students will also be transferring out as well.
- She is proud of the commitment of brand new teachers, their mentors, and those teachers on leaves for all of the extra time they have been putting in over the summer months to assure a great start to the school year.

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Mrs. Bosnich briefly updated the Board on Kindergarten assessments, AimsWeb and Access. She also reported on the new online staff mandated trainings which are done through the Ed Leaders Network.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- The "Lockbox Showdown" held on institute and sponsored by the Peru Education Foundation, appeared to be a success. Gina Olsen will be replacing Joyce McCullough on the Peru Education Foundation Board. Mrs. McCullough has served since the Board's conception.
- The IASB Board Governance Review meeting with Field Representative Laura Martinez of the Illinois Association of School Boards will be held on Monday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Parkside School.
- Mr. Cross plans to communicate with the City of Peru regarding the proposed TIF district.

- Mr. Cross reviewed the 2018-19 Employee FTE history. There was an increase of three certified staff with the addition of the two preschool programs and an additional kindergarten teacher. There is also an increase of 1.5 non-certified teacher aides who will support the additional preschool rooms.

### **2018-19 Enrollment Update**

Mr. Cross reviewed the 2018-19 preliminary enrollment report, which shows five students in the district since last year at this time, excluding preschool students. With the addition of the Preschool for All and PFA Expansion Grants there will now be 100 preschool students. He believes the enrollment numbers may change somewhat by the time of the next meeting at which time he will update the Board.

### **Fiscal Year 2018 Report of Contracts Exceeding \$25,000**

Mr. Cross explained that this report lists all contracts over \$25,000 and also contracts the Board enters into with local bargaining. The informational report is required to be posted on the website annually.

### **Fiscal Year 2018 Report of Salary, Compensation and Benefits**

Mr. Cross presented and reported on the Salary, Compensation and Benefits report which is also required to be posted on the district's website by October 1 of each year. This information is also reported to the Illinois State Board of Education and the Regional Office of Education.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of the Peru Elementary District 124 Fiscal Year 2019 Tentative Budget**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Peru Elementary District 124 Fiscal Year 2019 Tentative Budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, and Ankiewicz . NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley and Pillai. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Establishment of Date, Time and Location for the Fiscal Year 2019 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary District 124**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to establish Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the choral room at Parkside School as the date, time and location for the Fiscal Year 2019 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary District 124. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 District Financial Statements, Independent Audit, Annual Financial Report and Shared Services and Outsourcing Report**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 District Financial Statements, Independent Audit, Annual Financial Report and Shared Services and Outsourcing Report as presented. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of 2018-19 Employee Handbook**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Bruins, to approve the 2018-19 Employee Handbook as presented. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of School District Organizational Chart**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the School District Organizational Chart as presented. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of the Employee Technology Acceptable Use Policy**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the Employee Technology Acceptable Use Policy. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Speech Pathologist Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Speech Pathologist Services with Tonica Grade School. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Renk. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley and Pillai. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of 2018-19 Athletic Trainer Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2018-19 Athletic Trainer Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, and Renk. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley and Pillai. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Renk. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley and Pillai. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment of Jennifer Znaniacki as the Preschool for All Parent Coordinator/Autism Aide for the 2018-19 school year. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the employment of Jessica Urbanc as Kindergarten teacher for the 2018-19 school year. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the employment of Reilly Veloria as Developmental Preschool teacher for the 2018-19 school year. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the employment of Pamela Schneider as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher for the 2018-19 school year. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the employment of Lisa Dresbach as Teacher Aide for the 2018-19 school year. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the employment of Jennifer Znaniacki as the Preschool for All Parent Coordinator/Autism Aide for the 2018-19 school year. AYE: 5. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Mark Lamboley, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary